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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER

REF STATE 85198

1. FOL IS TEXT OF REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE FROM PRIME  
MINISTER DEMIREL:

QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS  
DATED APRIL 15, 1975.

IT WOULD ALSO GIVE ME GREAT PLEASURE MR. PRESIDENT,

TO COOPERATE WITH YOU IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF OUR FREINDSHIP  
AND ALLIANCE, IN ORDER TO RESTORE THE TURKISH-US RELATIONS  
WHICH HAS BEEN HARMED FOR REASONS UNATTRIBUTABLE TO TURKEY,  
TO ITS FORMER LEVEL. I BELIEVE THAT IN THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE  
IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES SUCH A COURSE  
OF ACTION IS IN OUR COMMON INTEREST.

I HAVE NOTED WITH APPRECIATION YOUR DETERMINED EFFORTS WITH  
CONGRESS TO RESUME MILITARY SALES AND ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.  
THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THESE EFFORTS WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL  
IN ALLEVIATING THE DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE TURKISH-US  
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RELATIONS AS A RESULT OF THE UNJUST AND INAPPROPRIATE ACTION.

I CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT THESE EFFORTS OF YOURS MR. PRESIDENT,  
WILL BE SUCCESSFUL DURING THE COMING WEEKS.

WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, SULEYMAN DEMIREL.  
END QUOTE.

2. ABOVE WAS HANDED TO DCM BY GUVLENDIREN OF MFA THIS  
MORNING, APRIL 18. GUVENDIREN APOLOGIZED FOR DELAY IN  
DELIVERY, STATING THAT MESSAGE HAD BEEN DRFATED FOR DEMIREL'S  
SIGNATURE UPON RECEIPT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. HOWEVER,  
BECAUSE OF PRESS OF PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS DEMIREL HAD BEEN  
ABLE TO SIGN THE MESSAGE ONLY LAST NIGHT.

3. GUVENDIREN THEN SAID THAT GOT WOULD LIKE TO RELEASE TEXTS  
OF BOTH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND DEMIREL'S REPLY AS QUICKLY  
AS POSSIBLE. HE SUGGESTED THAT TEXTS BE RELEASED  
SIMULTANEOUSLY IN BOTH CAPITALS AT 4 P.. TODAY ANKARA TIME  
(9 A.M. APRIL 18, WASHINGTON TIME). DCM EXPRESSED  
DOUBT THAT MATTERS COULD BE COORDINATED AND DECISION REACHED  
IN WASHINGTON IN VIEW SHORT TIME REMAINING UNTIL 4 P.M.  
BODAYKO GUVENDIREN THEN URGED THAT TEXTS BE RELEASED IN BOTH  
CAPITALS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL  
19. HE POINTEDOUT THAT IN ORDER TO GET APPROPRIATE COVERAGE  
IN TURKISH WEEKEND PRESS RELEASE SHOULD BE MADE NOT  
LATER THAN NOON ANKARA TIME (5 A.M. WASHINGTON TIME),  
SATURDAY, APRIL 19.  
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